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THREE INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH TAX CRIMES

SALT LAKE CITY -- A federal grand jury in Salt Lake City returned a superseding indictment Wednesday charging John and Jana Gauruder with one count of attempting to evade payment of John Gauruder's income taxes, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 7201. Rulon DeYoung was also charged with four counts of attempting to evade the payment of others' income taxes, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7201, and with one count of corrupt interference with the administration of the Internal Revenue Laws, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7212(a).

The superseding indictment alleges that John Gauruder and Jana Gauruder attempted to evade payment of income tax due and owing by John Gauruder in the amount of approximately \$336,843 for the tax years 1995 through 2001. The superseding indictment alleges that Jana Gauruder transferred title to the Gauruders' personal residence into the name of a nominee controlled by Rulon DeYoung.

The superseding indictment further alleges that Rulon DeYoung aided, abetted, counseled, and induced Jana Gauruder and others to transfer

title to property into the name of a nominee controlled by Rulon DeYoung, with the purpose of concealing the ownership of the property and to frustrate, obstruct, and impede the lawful IRS collection of income taxes due.

If convicted, the defendants face a maximum potential sentence of five years imprisonment, or a fine of \$100,000, or both, for each charge of tax evasion, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 7201. In addition, Rulon DeYoung faces a potential sentence of not more than 3 years imprisonment, or a fine of \$5,000, or both, for the charge of corrupt interference with the administration of the Internal Revenue Laws, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 7212(a).

The charges contained in the superseding indictment are only allegations. Each defendant is entitled to a fair trial. At trial, it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case is being prosecuted by attorneys from the U.S. Department of Justice's Tax Division and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Utah and investigated by Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation agents.

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